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## New VP of Academic Affairs Has Hands Full

Brooklyn-born Dr. Michael Spitzer settles in at Worcester State

By Danielle Williamson  
MANAGING EDITOR

Worcester State President Kalyan K. Ghosh was so interested in adding Dr. Michael Spitzer to the college's administration staff that he visited Spitzer at SUNY-Utica, the former campus where he was working.

Apparently, President Ghosh was impressed by Dr. Spitzer, who holds a masters degree and a Ph.D. from New York University. After a series of interviews, the former Dean of Arts and Sciences at the State University of New York at Utica was selected as Worcester State's Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Worcester State is much smaller than SUNY-Utica, where Dr. Spitzer worked for nine years. Dr. Spitzer owns more acres than this campus has. However, Worcester State's size is appealing to Dr. Spitzer. "Because [the college] is more compact, there's a lot of pedestrian traffic.... it's alive; it's active; there's liveliness to the campus. Here, people are walking around all the time," Dr. Spitzer stated.

It is not only Worcester State's size that attracted Dr. Spitzer to the campus. He likes the focus of the college: "the academic

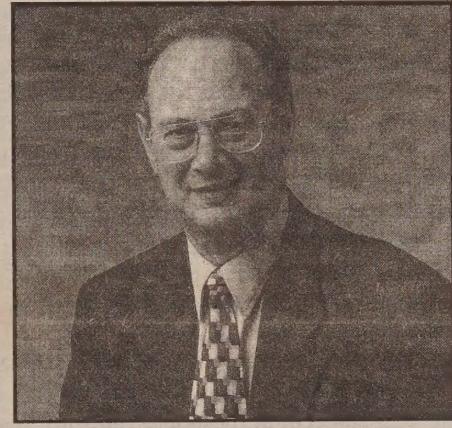
philosophy emphasizing liberal arts in all of the academic programs."

What exactly does a Vice President of Academic affairs do? The job encompasses a wide variety of responsibilities. Dr. Spitzer says that his job is "extraordinarily varied." His duties include overseeing all of the academic departments and management of the faculty. "Ultimately I'm responsible for

making recommendations about [teacher] appointments, reappointments and tenure, to the president," Spitzer noted. In addition, he oversees the departments of Dean of Freshman and Academic Services, the Admissions Office, Information Technology Departments, and the Departments of Continuing and Graduating Education.

Although Dr. Spitzer has been at Worcester State for less than a year, his efforts are already becoming evident. Recently, he met with an external accrediting agency that is looking at the Occupational Therapy Program. In the past, an accrediting agency called WSC's nursing program "a hidden gem." Dr. Spitzer hopes for the same reaction to the Occupational Therapy program, which he believes to be one of the college's strongest programs.

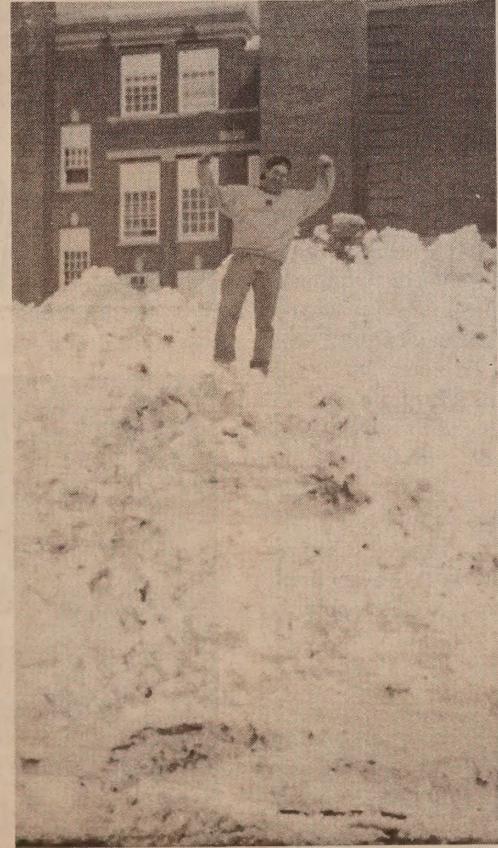
Dr. Spitzer wants other programs to earn recognition in addition to those of Allied Health. "Historically, one of our missions has been teacher education, and the president, and I agree with him, is trying to reaffirm our commitment to teacher education," Dr. Spitzer said. "It's not just the responsibility of the



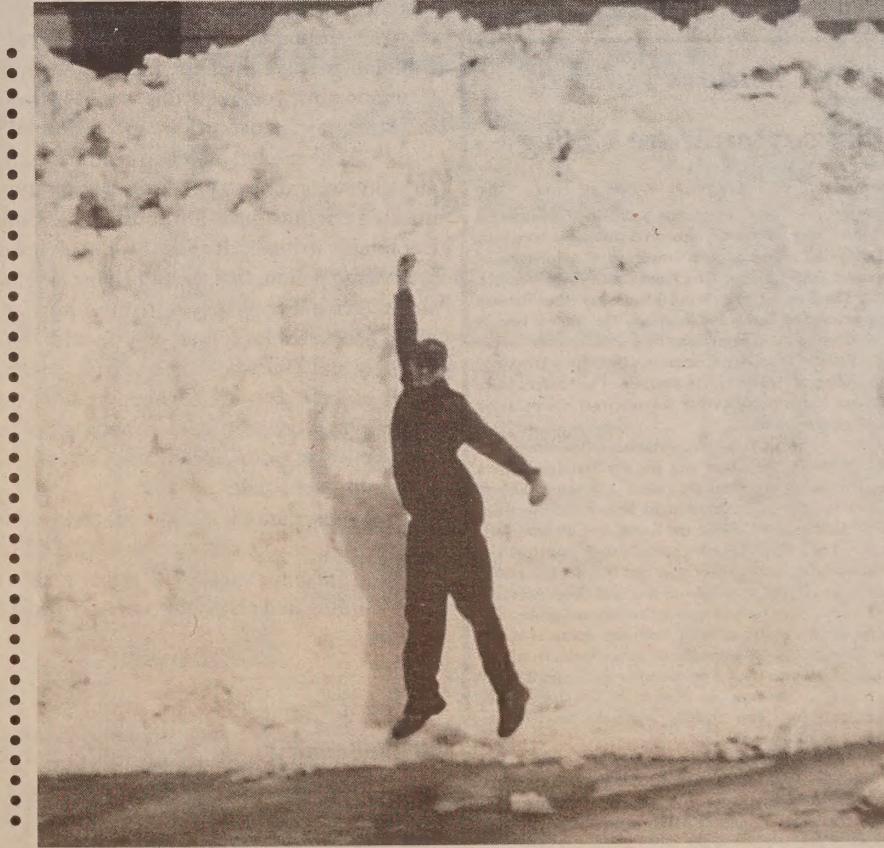
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## Aren't you glad you were in Jamaica!



VOICE PHOTO by MAHI DIAS



VOICE PHOTO by JOHN BROWN III

**Snowed In!** (left) The Voice's own John Brown III took a little time to enjoy spring break by climbing the mountain of snow left by the latest winter blizzard. (right) Mahi Dias takes a break from his homework and demonstrates his vertical leap for the camera. All who know Mahi know he is approximately 6'2". So as you can see from this photo, we got a lot of snow.

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John Brown III

The Red Sox began Spring training the week of our spring break. Manny Ramirez made his presence felt almost immediately. Manny decided that he would not play leftfield for our beloved BoSox and whined to the media until he got his way. Nomar Garciaparra arrived with a lingering wrist injury that he aggravated after appearing on the cover of Sport Illustrated. Nomar may be absent from the line-up as long as eight weeks. I thought every ballplayer knew of the pre-season jinx that SI offers. I guess no one informed Nomar of the jinx.

The fun continued with the Sox and we all got to see what we had almost had enough time to forget about, Carl Everett. Everett arrived late to camp and then decided he could continue on the path less chosen, as he did last year. This year it seems that his antics will not be tolerated. On the day when we in the northeast were receiving the latest onslaught of snow, Everett decided to arrive late for the team bus that was on its way to an exhibition game. Manager Jimy Williams told Everett to stay in the clubhouse and not get on the bus if he could not arrive on time.

On a day when most of us were stuck inside and longing to shovel two feet of snow, Carl Everett decided the weather was too nice in Florida and that he should be late. Lateness has always been a problem for some but it appears that it is now a way of life for many.

Here at WSC there are many student organizations that hold weekly meetings. Many of these meetings begin on time, while at the same time many start late. It is not entertaining, but rather, annoying, to see people struggle in on what they call "their time." If you have a meeting scheduled at 4:00 p.m., then 4:00 p.m. is the meeting time. Anytime before 4:00 p.m. is your time; anytime after that is the meeting time. A person who shows up late is interfering with the scheduled meeting.

There are many problems facing this country and the one thing people seem to take for granted is time. I too, am guilty of it. When I have a paper due, I usually wait until the last minute, do some quick research and write the paper. Even with the Voice, there is chronic lateness. I think we do pretty well and seem to feed off of the excitement of the deadline. The Voice has come out regularly this year, and I speak for no one but myself. I am not chronically late or "fashionably late." I do my best to turn in my assignments on or before deadline. I have heard students use phrases to describe lateness or time in ways that I will not pass on to the readers in the Voice, but I can tell you I did find it offensive.

I am no judge and I know in this column I may sound like one, but we have become a less diligent and thoughtful country. The world does not revolve around any one of us, although once again I will add that I too make this mistake, every now and again. Why is it that most in this small college community feel that everything revolves around them? Is this a learned behavior? Do we get this from our parents, teachers, friends? Here is my thought on this one. Come on now, you knew this would happen. After all, as you read this right now, your world revolves around me.

The media, of which I am currently a member of, gives attention to tardiness. One would think it would be done in a negative manner, but most just fluff it off and say things like "oh look at who has finally arrived!" It is as if we, the viewers, were waiting with great anticipation, like the old Heinz ketchup commercial, for this star to arrive. People begin to think wow, if they can be late and be given accolades for it then why should I be punctual. I see it every Tuesday and Thursday when I arrive in class. The three classes I am a part of these days are a whopping three doors apart from each other. The Worcester State campus is not so big as to prevent anyone from grabbing a coffee and donut and still make it to class within the fifteen-minute break.

Yes, parking is difficult, and walking a strain, but please remember there are others who have paid for the same class and are trying to make the most of it. When we are late we take away from their learning and cheat our professors and ourselves the opportunity to learn.

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I think one of the secrets of a contented life is obvious.... plan your week so that you are occupied by things you find delightful... even if it's quiet and you're alone.

For instance on:

Mondays- have a nice dinner with friends.

Tuesdays- watch your favorite t.v. show with a tasty snack.

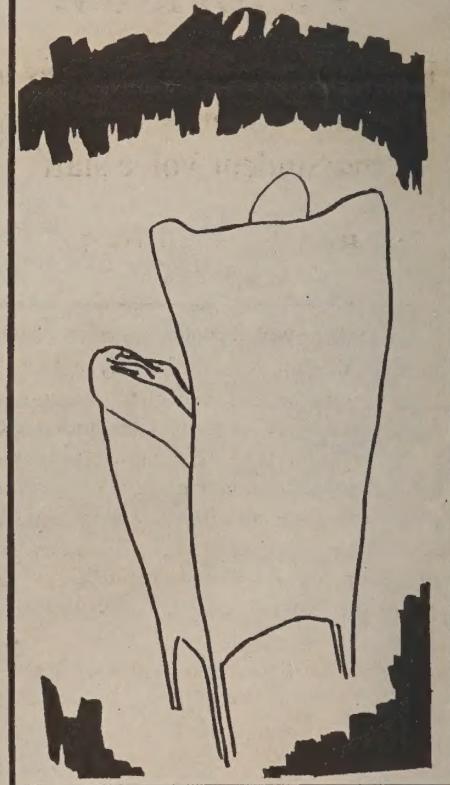
Wednesdays- do a home improvement job or clean something which you've always cherished.

Thursdays- sit in the dark alone for hours.

Fridays- go to a local lovely natural setting... like a lake or a mountain.

Saturdays- do something athletic which pushes you to a new limit.

Sundays - sit alone again in the dark until you cry.



## VOICE FACTOID

Worcester was chartered in 1722 as a town. In 1848 Worcester was incorporated as a city.

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Dr. Spitzer concerned with attracting, retaining students

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education department to prepare teachers. It's the responsibility of all the liberal arts and science departments of the college. By reaffirming teacher education, we're really saying we want to reaffirm the importance of all those disciplines in the process."

Dr. Spitzer has confidence in the academics at Worcester State College. He thinks the college has come a long way in the last decade (in 1991, there was a threat of Worcester State being shut down.) "I think public higher education in Massachusetts has become increasingly important. I think the college's contribution to the state is terribly important," Dr. Spitzer said.

What is the administration doing to improve Worcester State? Dr. Spitzer spoke of "more importance attached to technology in a number of curricula." The faculty is currently working at designing a series of minors in Information Technology that would be relevant to a number of different majors.

In his short time at Worcester State, Dr. Spitzer has not had much formal interaction with students. Occasionally, he'll meet students

in the hallway, or they will come to his office on the second floor of the Administration Building about particular areas of concern. However, because of the areas of responsibility he has to deal with, he often refers students to Academic Dean Jeffrey Roberts. "One of the things I want to make sure happens is that if the student has a problem, I want to make sure the student gets full attention to help solve the problem. I don't have that kind of time. We have Jeffrey Roberts serving as Academic Dean. When students have problems, I refer them first to him. If they still can't resolve the problem, then students will come to see me," Dr. Spitzer stated.

Sometimes, students have problems with professors. Dr. Spitzer is not one of the administrators that may be seen visiting classrooms, but he does hold much authority over teacher matters. When asked about his feelings on tenure, Dr. Spitzer said, "I think it is a valuable academic safeguard that permits faculty to teach without fear of any kind of retribution, but I also think it confers a certain level of responsibility for faculty not to do something that is inappropriate. Just because you can't get fired doesn't mean you can do whatever you want. The way I look at the role of a faculty member is that of a professional who does things in a certain way because that's the way they should be done."

Dr. Spitzer talked about the obligation of the faculty to do their jobs. "[In] selecting, reappointing, and tenuring professors, it's hard to predict who's in it for a lifetime commitment."

Dr. Spitzer mentioned the major transition that is taking place with the Worcester State College faculty. "Numbers (of faculty who have been at the college for 30-35

years) are retiring every year. Last year we hired about 20 faculty; next year we'll probably hire about 20 more. There's a major kind of transition taking place: a large-scale turnover of faculty."

"We'll have a combination of experienced faculty and a fairly large contingent of new faculty. This signifies a change in the nature of the institution in some ways. A renewal is good, as long as it doesn't happen too suddenly."

One of Dr. Spitzer's chief areas of concern is attracting students to the college. Higher admission standards will heighten the quality of students. "We're going to have to be competitive to students who have choices of where they can go (to college.) We need to make sure that Worcester State College is the kind of institution that those students will choose as their first choice."

Dr. Spitzer believes that if things are not done right, "students won't stay." If anyone has suggestions about how to strengthen and improve the quality of the educational services that Worcester State provides, you may email Dr. Spitzer at [Mspitzer@worcester.edu](mailto:Mspitzer@worcester.edu). He is willing to hear your concerns, but "not all at once!" Our new Vice President of Academic Affairs has his hands full, but he is fit for the job.

Have any ideas for stories? Call our office at 754-2313. We're always welcoming new ideas.

## Preeminent Sesquipedalians Victorious!

Battle of the Brains proves to be but a minor skirmish for the Student Voice staff

By Chris Giofreda  
VOICE STAFF

The student center hosted its Annual Battle of the Brains on Wednesday night, February 28. It was a College Bowl-esque trivia game involving seven teams. Questions ranged from U.S History to Chemistry. The Sesquipedalians, four members of our very own Voice, were the winners of the event, taking home a prize of three-hundred dollars. The runner-up was the Donald Smith team who took home a reward of one hundred twenty five dollars.

More than twenty-five people showed up in the audience, and some of them received door prizes. In round one of three, TV-11, Team 14-1, and The Avengers were eliminated. Competition was close in all three matches. The 8th team failed to show, resulting in a bye for the Donald Smith Team.

Round two also held some heated contests. The Donald Smith team narrowly beat out Mahi's Mafia. The Mad Scientists were behind the Sesquipedalians by only a few questions when time ran out. Only two teams of the intellectually elite were left. Round three promised to come down to the wire.

The Donald Smith team stayed right with The Sesquipedalians, matching them almost question for question. The second ten-minute half of round three was when the Voice's team really stole the show. Due largely to the performance of sesquipedalian Brendan McGrail, the newspaper staff was able to come home with a victory. All in all it was a fun time, except that I missed the last episode of Temptation Island; I'm sure someone taped it, anyone? Regardless, congratulations to Brendan McGrail, John Brown III, Danielle Williamson and Devan Campbell.

### Did you know?

On February 28th, the \$250,000 dollar question on ABC's *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* was,

- Name something that a sesquipedalian would use.
- A) crutches
- B) long words
- C) credit cards
- D) deodorant

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Snowed in Worcester State style



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**Help! Chartwell's had a whipped cream accident!** This student found out the hard way that when it snows you must move your car from the upper lot for snow removal. My guess is that this individual went away to a sunny and warm location for spring break and thought nothing of the car. Well, enjoy shoveling upon your return.

## Woe is Me: A Commuter's Parking Troubles

All in a morning's work: a commuter hunts for a spot

I'm thinking of billing Worcester State for the gas I waste while driving around the parking lot looking for an available space.

Parking troubles are not foreign to the Worcester State community. (Well, maybe except for the faculty, whose lots remain half-empty at any given point during the day.) We are all

familiar with the mid-morning scenario: a hopeful student (it could be any of us, but we'll call this student Frank) scopes out the parking lot from his slow-moving car just outside of the entrance gate. He's close to the lot, yet so far away. He creeps up close to the rear of the car ahead of him, to assure that no one sneaks in front of him and grabs that rare opportunity to an available spot.

Frank's senses are keen, his eyes alert. He'd prefer to park near Sullivan, because his class begins there in 5 minutes. However, he's been around Worcester State long enough to know that when any spot opens up, it's quick to be taken.

Frank looks forward to the hill next to the library. All spots are filled. They usually are, but he figured he'd look anyway. The first row next to Sullivan is fully occupied. So is the second....and the third. Even the lot near the woods leading into the May St. School playground is full, with cars cramming themselves into every possible crevice, making spots where there aren't any.

Frank is getting pretty frustrated, and

is on his second lap around the lot. He is forced to join the line of new traffic just arriving. His blood is rising with the knowledge that leaving his house a few minutes earlier gave him no parking advantage over his fellow classmates. By now, his class is well underway, and he's no closer to parking than he was ten minutes ago.

But wait! A glimmer of hope comes with the appearance of a woman walking to what he assumes is her car. Frank slowly follows the woman, stalking his spot like a hawk stalking its prey. He's arrived at the woman's car now. She's taking her time. What is she doing now? Her makeup?! There's no time for applying make-up in times like these.

Frank has just about had it. He resorts to double parking, and hopes that his car is intact and in place in the next 35 minutes (15 minutes of his class is already gone.)

Frank is not alone in his parking pursuits. Must we deal with this stress every morning? It's enough to keep a student home.

There have been mornings when I've woken up a little later than planned and don't bother getting out of bed because I figure by the time I park, I'll be late enough already. Of course, I could park down some side street, but I won't on the mere basis of principle. I pay to park at Worcester State, and that's where I'm going to park.

There's really no excuse for the lack of commuter parking spots. Worcester State should be well aware that the vast majority of its students commute. It would make sense to get some solid numbers of commuting students and assure that they each have a parking spot available at any given time. How

hard would that be?

Another issue that must be addressed is the enormity of the faculty parking lots. I have often driven past these lots, briefly contemplating entering them but then chickening out at the fear of getting a dreaded parking ticket. Where are all the professors for whom these lots are reserved? Are their numbers overestimated, or are they simply not showing up for classes? A picture in a past *Voice* issue exposed a faculty member's car in a student parking space...hmm...

At this time, I'm not going to offer any suggestions on how to resolve this serious issue. That's the college's problem; we have an entire department to deal with such matters. If they don't do something soon, they may be seeing bills in their mailboxes.

30" of snow got dumped on WSC over Spring break and the Grounds crew did a nice job cleaning it up. Students will find it a little tougher to find a space over the next couple of weeks while all the snow melts away.

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# In Your Opinion

## Good old boy Bush?

Upon returning home late one night from a hard day jam-packed with a withering car, work, and school, I just happened to catch the ever-depressing news. So far, the media has been a true disappointment in its attempts to fill dead air with nonsensical and morbid ramblings. How many planes crashed in Peru? How many people at the southern tip of Botswana were brutally maimed by rampaging police? The news has tried to fill the void left in the wake of O.J., the Clinton Sexcapades 2000, and just recently, the Bush/Gore scandal, otherwise known to the common American as the Robot vs. The Goofball melee.

As I was sitting on my couch relaxing, I thought I heard something along the lines that Hillbilly Bush ordered all media to stay away from his daughters. I couldn't believe my ears. He even went as far to say that he would not tolerate his daughters being parodied on shows like Saturday Night Live and MAD TV. This vexes me deeply.

How can anyone be so naïve to think that they are untouchable? Hillbilly Ebenezer Bush, as I shall call him, is not the likes of Julius Caesar, putting out the word of a beloved king. I personally could care less how stupid, ugly, or funny his daughters are. As my stocks circle the proverbial bowl, I am astonished that he has done nothing yet to ensure the positive outlook for our economy. He is a walking contradiction, a true hillbilly.

This "man" has been under daddy's wing all his life. How is he supposed to represent the common man when he himself has been so detached from humanity as a whole that he now looks and acts like a character from "Deliverance," only in a suit? He is an upscale

redneck that has been able to con the American people into believing his good old boy attitude. Has he ever had to make ends meet? Probably not. Wasn't it his father that at one point had been out of society for so long that he was completely amazed at the "new" price scanners? What a great representation of the American workingman.

The only thing that really keeps people that have power in check is the ever-present public eye. This is how some sort of balance is achieved. How did old Billy Joe Bob Bush feel about the way Clinton's sex life was brought to the table? Bush, being such a moral man must have thought it to be a very pressing and important issue, because he is just so full of moral values. So then, what is the difference between prying into Clinton's personal bedroom pillow talk and that of poking fun at good old boy's two totally uninteresting

daughters? Even the thought that Billy Joe Bob Bush is such a moral man is so moronic that it should be featured on Comedy Central over and over again. Morality must be at the man's core, considering that he admits to using "blow," otherwise known as cocaine, a rich boy's drug. Also, his strong funding by tobacco companies (Big Business), the most morally devoid of all business, makes him a strong candidate for the Humanitarian Award. I would rather rub a well-used, electric blue urinal cake all over my face rather than listen to another second of Hee-haw Bush's pretentious ramblings. Maybe if we are all lucky Dan Quail will organize a coupe and a lesser idiot will save us all, although I highly doubt we should all be so lucky.

By John DeMember, student

## WSC Sophomore Sets Example to Follow

### Brenda Dixon chops off ponytail for worthy cause

Brenda Dixon, a Health Sciences major and sophomore at WSC, donated a 10" ponytail to the charity, *Locks of Love*.

"I just woke up this morning and decided that I wanted to do it," Ms. Dixon said. It had taken her fifteen years to grow her hair to the length it was prior to the cut. Although she knew it was for a good cause, it was still very emotional. She also had another friend who had donated her hair to the same

organization a couple of years ago.

"We are very proud of Brenda and her sacrifice," said the Department Chair Helena Semerjian. "We often find our students are committed to improving the quality of life of others, and what Brenda did will make a big difference in the life of a child."

*Locks of Love* is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children across the U.S. under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss. Most of the children helped by *Locks of Love* have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses that *Locks of Love* provide help to restore children's self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

In order to donate your hair to this organization, it must meet a set of guidelines. A majority of the donations come from children who wish to help other children. For more information about this worthy cause, please visit their website at [www.lockslove.org](http://www.lockslove.org), or call 888-896-1588.

Information Courtesy of Communi-que and [www.lockslove.org](http://www.lockslove.org)

## Worcester State College Police Log

Compiled by: Erinn Ballou

2/20/01 03:22hrs. Harassing Phone Calls: Received call that someone had phoned a room and the people they called could hear a man and woman screaming in background and then hung up. Unit 21 responding.

2/20/01 22:47hrs. Medical: Student transported from Dowden Hall to Health Services. Unit 15 responding.

2/20/01 10:56hrs. Malicious damage under \$250: Graffiti on men's room walls. Unit 19 reporting.

2/20/01 11:13hrs. Medical: Student along with roommate voluntarily went to UMass Memorial for an evaluation. Unit 17 reporting.

2/22/01 04:01hrs. Disturbing the Peace: Call received about a male outside of Cv 3 or 4 making loud noises. Unit 22 responding.

2/22/01 11:29hrs. Malicious damage under \$250: LRC reported graffiti on bathroom walls. Unit 19 responding.

2/23/01 01:34hrs. Minors in possession of alcohol: 19 confiscated beers emptied. Unit 46 reporting.

2/23/01 09:57hrs. Hit and Run Accident: State vehicle hit while parked. Unit 19 investigating.

2/24/01 07:30hrs. Malicious damage under \$250: Call received from maintenance to report vandalism on the 2nd and 5th floors of Dowden Hall. Unit 15 responding.

2/25/01 01:14hrs. Minors in possession of alcohol: Officers summons to see RD about alcohol violation. Unit 22 responding.

2/26/01 15:19hrs. Disorderly Conduct: Call received to respond to A400 to speak with a professor who was threatened by an irate faculty member disturbing the peace in the Administration Building. Unit 31 responding.

2/26/01 15:50hrs. Disorderly Conduct: Campus Police received call from Chartwells Food Service for a disruptive employee. Unit 12 and 20 responding.

2/28/01 21:17hrs. Larceny over \$250: Student reports phone code being used by other students. Unit 31 investigating.

## What Do You Think?

The Student Voice wants to hear from you.

If you're having a problem on campus or off, let us know.

If you find something interesting that hasn't been disseminated to the student body yet, let us know.

The Student Voice is the students' paper, and we need your input.

Drop a note in our box at C207, or email us.

## Kathleen Downey Short Fiction Contest

Submissions for the Kathleen Downey Short Fiction Contest are currently being accepted.

Deadline: April 6, 2001

### Prizes:

First Place	\$300
Second Place	\$150
Third Place	\$75
Honorable Mention	

### The Rules for Submission:

1. The story should be typed double spaced.
2. The student's name should appear ONLY on the cover sheet along with the student's Social Security number and story title.
3. The title page should follow with the title of the story and the student's Social Security number ONLY.
4. Every page should contain the Social Security Number and page number.
5. Copies of the short story should be left with Carolyn Damais in S213 by April 7, 2001.
6. The contest is open to all full and part-time WSC students.
7. Only one selection per student may be submitted.
8. Previous prize winners are disqualified from submitting stories.

# MM

## Music, Movies & More

### 15 Minutes (soundtrack) too long

By Danielle Williamson  
MANAGING EDITOR

If the newly released movie 15 Minutes, starring Robert DeNiro and Edward Burns, is anything like its soundtrack, it is guaranteed to 15 minutes of fame.

"Fame" is the first track off this 10-song soundtrack, which hits shelves on March 20. The band God Lives Underwater does a decent, though inferior version of the old David Bowie song. God Lives Underwater seems to disprove the idea that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. However, the song is one of the more memorable tracks on the album, probably because we've all heard the David Bowie original.

The dynamic artist Moby brings recognition to the soundtrack with the inclusion of his song "Porcelain." Anyone familiar with Moby knows that he has a lot going on in his music. His sound is a kind of New Age meets pop and techno. The 15 Minutes soundtrack is worth listening to for this track. Of course, one could always pick up the actual Moby CD instead.

The first two tracks of the soundtrack are works of art compared to the remainder of the disc. How unfortunate it is that the band Prodigy snuck onto the album, with the repetitive, unrecognizable, "3 Kilos." The song has that kind of techno sound that makes you thank the heavens you aren't locked in a torture chamber with this music on continuous play.

Monotony seems to be a theme of the soundtrack. "Gun" by Gus Gus has no distinguishing aspects whatsoever. Gus Gus mixes it up a little by throwing in some

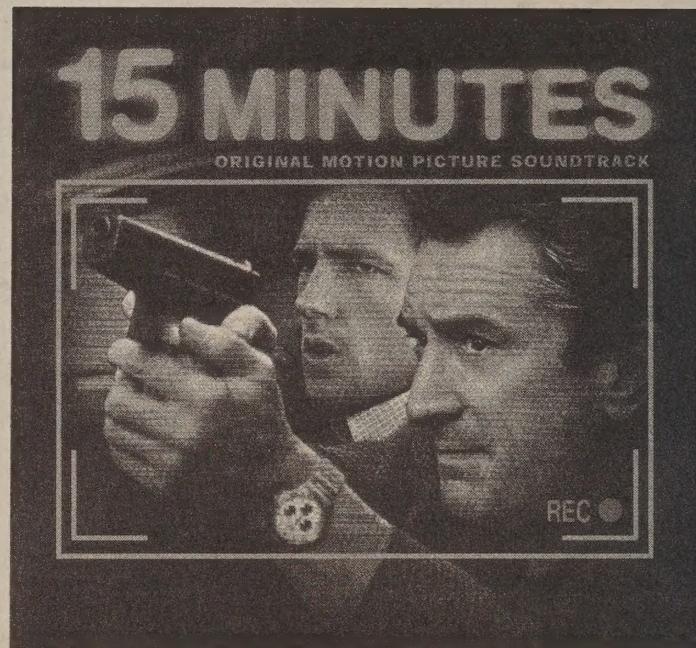
occasional words. The following track, "Carmen Queasy," by Maxim, is a slight break from the humdrum. The singer has a distinctive voice, though somewhat annoying. The tone of the song switches from calm to agitated, making for an interesting sound. Maybe "Carmen Queasy" goes well with the movie, but alone, it's pretty hard to swallow.

Track 6 of the soundtrack doesn't need to be mentioned. Maybe I just don't understand the techno thing. I wonder what part the song plays in the movie. Perhaps there's a shooting in an underground nightclub. I can just see tough guy DeNiro dodging bullets to the sound of Rinoceros.

Finally, another break from the monotony came with track 7, "Out Run" by David Holmes. Either David Holmes hasn't hit puberty yet, or he's a woman. "He" sounds like a cross between newcomer Nelly Furtado and Gwen Stefani of No Doubt. The song is worth a listen. The same may be said for "52 Pickup" by Ballistic Mystic. It's a funky little song that breaks from the norm by introducing a rap.

Have you ever had one portion of a song stuck in your head because you can't remember how the rest of the song goes? You were probably thinking of "Ultra-Obscene" by Breakbeat Era. This track also fits into the torture category.

Under an hour of music ends with "Exedrene" by Johann Langlie, which could be background music for a Haunted House. The song fits well with the rest of the soundtrack: a forgettable track on a generally undistinguished album.



We welcome movie or CD reviews for this section of the Voice. Let us know what you would like to see!

#### Track List

1. Fame-God Lives Underwater
2. Porcelain (Rob D. Remix)-Moby
3. 3 Kilos-Prodigy
4. Gun-Gus Gus
5. Carmen Queasy-Maxim
6. La Guitaristic House Organisation-Rinoceros
7. Out Run-David Holmes
8. 52 Pickup-Ballistic Mystic
9. Ultra-Obscene-Breakbeat Era
10. Exedrene-Johann Langlie

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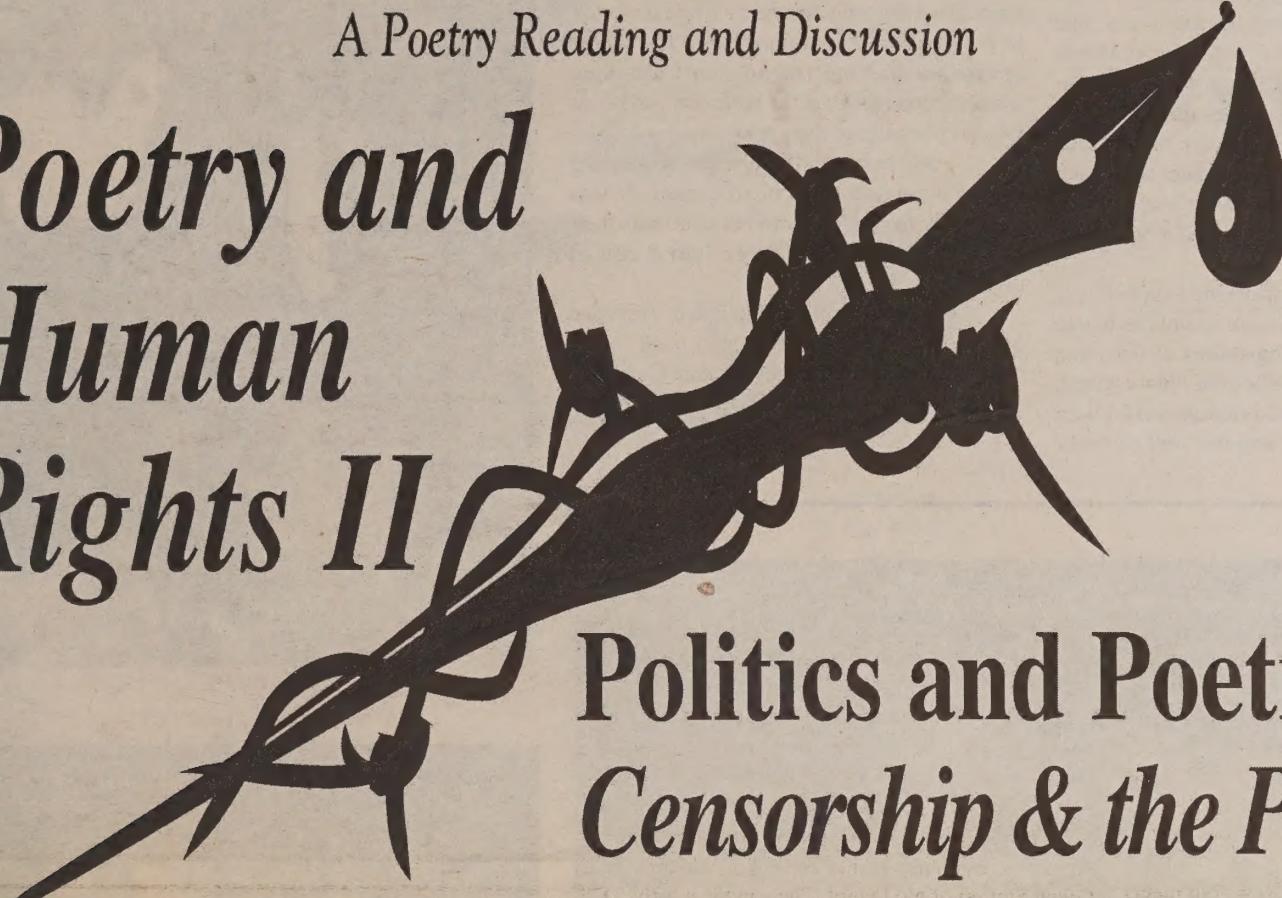
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# Medieval Manor Makes Many Merry

## Annual senior trip leaves bellies full, and kidneys begging for mercy

By John Brown III  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The final semester for the outgoing class of 2001 has begun and with it comes the senior trips. The first trip of this semester was taken, and what a memorable trip it was. The seniors went into Boston to Medieval Manor and learned what it is like to eat with only your hands (no utensils), and to drink until there was nothing left to drink. The choice of beverage was beer, wine or lemonade. There was much lemonade left by the end of the evening, but the pitchers of beer ran dry. About 60 people made the trip.

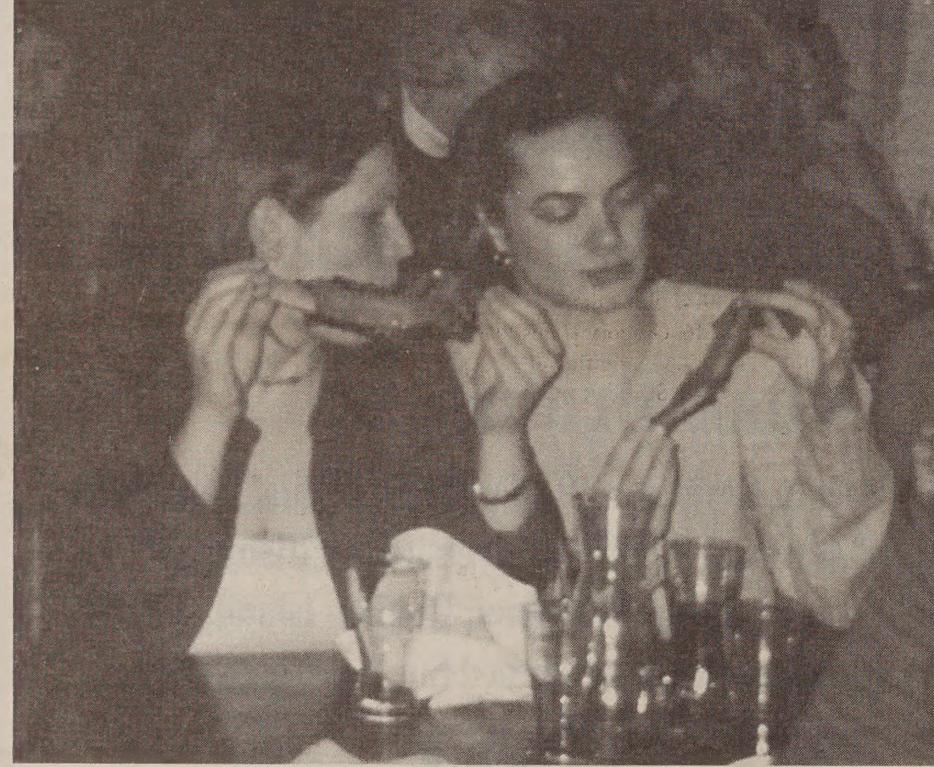
The night began at One Lancer Place, with many meeting up there to imbibe in one or two while exchanging stories of what had happened that week. When the bus arrived, all walked out and were loaded aboard for their trip to the distant past and the land of lords,

ladies, and of course, the king.

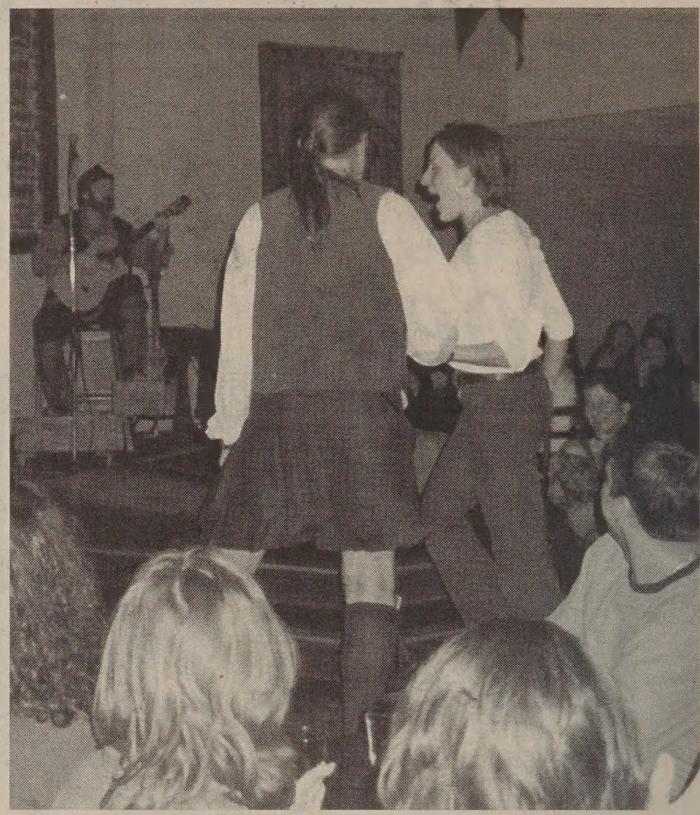
Upon arrival at the "castle," all were sent into the pub for proper refreshment before the show began. The wench came in and summoned the group to come and seat for the king. Once the king arrived he made the rules. In order to travel to "Canterbury," one would have to ask the King's permission. Canterbury was the code name for the bathroom, so it was wise to be polite to the king.

Minstrels and jesters entertained the crowd while all ate a hearty meal. It was interesting to see the crowd eat salad with their hands while dipping lettuce into a cup of dressing.

When the night concluded, everyone boarded the busses and headed back to the reality we know as Worcester State College.



**Is it supposed to be this small?** Kate Hutchinson and Nicole Catanzano discuss the finer points of what is the proper way to eat ribs.



**Who wants to go to Canterbury?** The King at the Medieval Manor discusses the finer points of being a King and lets everyone know they have to grovel if they need relief.

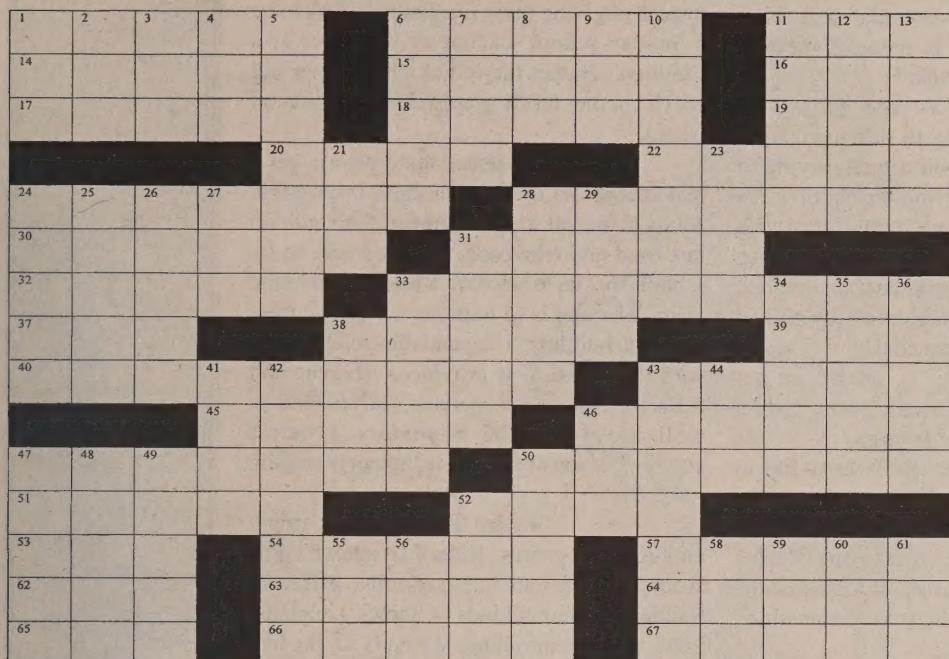
**Photos from top:** **I love your skirt!** Communications department professor Bill Byers and senior Kelly Hatch share a dance on the stage at the Medieval Manor just before Spring break. Professor Byers is wearing a traditional Scottish kilt, not a skirt.

**Is it safe to drink that much?** This group of seniors was off to one side of the action but appear to be having a great time. Just make sure you don't put your hands on the table, Jay might mistake it for a rib or chicken wing. Careful....

# Xword

created by Brendan A. McGrail

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- Gathering place
- Serengeti sight
- Flying formation
- Crew member
- Schenectady, NY college
- 10w-40
- Baby bird
- Mass Millions
- Actress Lupino
- Moss
- Small island
- Ploys
- Honest
- Adopted
- View

- Former Bruins star Adam
- Attractive metal
- Street (abbr.)
- Book name
- Parrot
- A John Belushi character
- Animal stomach
- Willow
- Hairpiece
- Dainty umbrella
- Where lumber gets cut
- Upper atmosphere

- Barks
- Little dog
- Synthetic fabric
- Tag
- Before (prefix)
- British explorer
- 99.44% pure
- What girls always say to me
- Fire remnant
- Pipsqueak

## DOWN

- For
- Not high
- Leatherworking tool
- Zoro's sign
- Greek god of war
- African tribesmen
- Baseballer Slaughter
- Reins part
- Spoil
- Pours oil on
- Thin material
- Sea duck
- Make happy
- Women's nemesis
- 31-point card game
- Brings babies
- Raccoon relative
- The Drake (Chicago)
- Augment
- Shy away
- "Ahah!"
- One who casts a ballot
- Defamatory writing
- Giraffe relative
- Staircase part
- Artist's tool
- Threesome
- Lend
- Spirit
- Marsh marigold
- Bacardi
- Gregory Hines' dance step
- Opium flower
- Shade of blue



Am I cool or what? Brendan A. McGrail is about to be gunned down by Robert DeNiro for stumping him with the latest Crossword puzzle.

## Xword Answers February 20

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## COMMENTARY

## Desensitizing America's Youth

Does getting out of work every day by 3:00 and having three months off for summer vacation sound like a dream job? Well, before you delve into those education courses here at WSC, keep a few things in mind. The best opportunities that arise regarding the teaching profession are not the "luxuries" that come with the position. Many "wanna be" educators are under the absurd assumption that the good moments come without the bad. The reality that veers its ugly head too late for many is that kids have a lot of problems for such young ages. That's when most throw in the towel and come to the realization that you can't save them all...

Give me a break. If any future educator believes that crock of bull then they don't give a hoot about the profession. True, it may be difficult to help all those young hopeful faces, but what right does one have to assume who is redeemable and who is not? Apparently, we all do. We all abandon these kids every time we say, "I wish I could help, but I just don't have time." And we wonder why we are such an aggravation to kids.

It must seem to kids that all adults do is spend their time working on how to structure every waking moment of children's lives. Everything from music to television to

reading material is censored, and even the slightest sign of imagination or difference is questioned and discouraged. It seems there's a constant war raging between adult and child. But all adults are doing is acting in the best interest of the children, right?

Wrong, the average "grown-up" spends more time trying to desensitize the world of its problems than actually trying to fix them. Instead of showing the children the consequences, they are ignoring and dismissing the evils. Anything "inappropriate" is shielded from children's eyes, and instantaneously.

Do we not recognize our own shortcomings as Americans? It seems like in

the history of education we've all denied the truth. Heck, it was just this semester that I really learned about what we did to the Native Americans, and all this time I thought that the first Thanksgiving was the start of something grand...

Essentially, as children, we were all lied to about our nation's greatest shames. We as adults cover up our painful past so our children don't repeat the same mistakes. Slavery and the internment of the Japanese are examples of events and problems seriously masked and screened for children.

Yet when the time arises to do things for these children, fewer and fewer "top of the line" citizens are willing to step forward. Instead of giving those few hours a week to be a Sunday school teacher or volunteer at a Children's Haven, they crack a Budweiser and watch another thrilling episode of Temptation Island.

A great quack that I always get a real charge out of is when these responsible adults blame all the problems of the youth on fast food and television. Oh, ok I see, so by schools that have teachers who agree to home visits. The aim is to improve student success rates by building a dependable relationship with the families. It provides resources and skills for the teachers, parents, and students as well as giving the educators a better comprehension of where the student is coming from.

We are way too quick to put children into genres. Kids, like adults, come from all different backgrounds, different religions, different kinds of homes...amazing huh? Without intruding, we need to get into the minds of children.

Without stripping them of their privacy or independence we need to know what they are thinking and what they need. We need to realize that above all what they need is to feel loved; they need our love and our time.

Above all, they need to know that we're all on the same side.

**D JACKIE  
DONOVAN  
COMMENTARY**

## Weekend Dilemma

As every resident student knows, Chartwells is the catering service that the student body relies upon for food. Although their food definitely ranks far above high school meals, one might expect better service from an over nine hundred dollar meal plan. During the week there is a very regular schedule in which it is possible to get a healthy three meals a day. However, when the weekend hits, our cafeteria seems to go on holiday. Irregular hours that are kept each the weekend, threaten our students well being. On Saturday, Sunday, and many days off, "DEKA" doesn't open until noon, and sometimes as late as one thirty. Because of this oversight, many students are going hungry for a good part of the day. For those students lucky enough to get into Chandler village, this is not much of a problem, but for 220 students living in Dowden hall, it means a mild starvation on the days in which they are suppose to be recuperating and taking a break from classes. It is true that some college kids are still not effected by this situation, but not every one of us delays waking until noon on Saturday. Some of them are not children of the night, and tend to wake up at a reasonable hour. For example, many because they have to work for the Many of these students work in the o'clock. If they wake up at seven that Even worse is the fact that some of these until their shift is over, so it can get as There is no doubt that this can begin to How are these people suppose to get the

**C Devan  
CAMPBELL  
COMMENTARY**

Now some might say that there are vending machines all over campus, but how would you feel after two or three days of Samoa flavored pop-tarts or snicker bars for breakfast. Truly this is a disturbing thought. But the most frightening part about this is that many student workers had to stay on campus during spring break, and throughout the break the cafeteria was closed down 24 hours a day. How would you feel about surviving on chips, soda, and lifesavers for nine days, and that's if you have about 50 bucks just laying around.

The real shame in this problem is that it is possible to fix it with very little additional cost of labor. One of the best things about our cafeteria is that if nothing looks good to you, it is possible to make your own meal at the grill station. At breakfast there are eggs with omelet fixings and do it yourself waffle stations.

The whole staff would not need to be there at all. The only things the students would need are the products brought out from the refrigerator, the grills turned on, and the door unlocked. Even if there wasn't a soul in the building you could still eat cereal without anything but an unlocked door. Everything else only requires a one of us. There would be no need for a full staff to man the place. In fact there would only need to be two employees's at most to help the patrons. In actuality, they probably wouldn't be there for any other reason than student safety. I have tried to come up with some reason why the school would consider this acceptable, but I just keep drawing a blank. There is no good reasons why someone who is stressed out over classes and their uncertain future should be forced to worry about going hungry while their suppose to be on vacation.

## SPORTS

## Crew gets the Gold

Lancers' Underwood takes home top prize at indoor championships

Submitted by Victor Underwood

Two members of the WSC Crew team recently competed at the Cape Cod Indoor Rowing Championships. The Races were held at Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable, Ma. Jon Foley, a Lancer sophomore and Victor Underwood, the crew captain and junior here at WSC competed in the 19-29 division. Both athletes made Worcester State proud.

Underwood received a gold Medal in the overall lightweight division while Foley took home fourth place in the open weight division. Of this competition Foley said, "It was hard but I am glad I went." Underwood added, "Couldn't have done it without the support of my friends and family."

Underwood also traveled to Newport, Rhode Island, for the Newport Indoor Rowing Challenge. Once again he had a more than successful day. Vic placed first overall with a time of 6:45 and once again took home a gold medal. Underwood said of this experience, "If you can finish a race, you've won, despite how well you place." He added, "It is just an opportunity to test yourself."

The Crew team looks forward to its upcoming season with the World indoor championships in Boston, February 25<sup>th</sup> and hopes to get a new coach.

# A

## ACCENTUATIONS *Voices of Worcester State*

### *The Years Gone By*

I listen to the cool wind blow  
as it leads my mind down the path that I call  
memory lane.  
Two years already gone  
Like the wind  
Those years went flying by.  
I notice a squirrel,  
who scampers across the damp ground  
making his footprints  
in the moist soil.  
And I think of you,  
who made an imprint on my heart  
as the squirrel did to the earth.  
The sun slowly begins to set  
In no time at all, it is gone.  
The sun seems to have set  
as quickly as the two years gone by.  
But the sun will rise again  
while those years will never return.  
The wind will keep blowing  
and the squirrels will keep running.  
But you,  
You are gone  
You are just a memory  
Of the times lost and the years that will not  
return.

--Danielle Williamson

### Fairy

Her wings were sheathed  
With a sparkling essence  
The pair emerged from mid-back  
Cascading down her length  
To end a shade from the ground  
They stood arms length above her head  
Never dipping, but still  
With the strength of rock...yet not  
The slight breeze touched upon the threads  
That were her wings  
Her face turned to meet it  
Her pointed ears emerged  
From her flowing hair  
Daring any sound to escape their grasp  
Its wildness breathed the air  
Of the same untamable animals  
Translucent strands cover her eyes  
The soul seekers of an ever knowledgeable  
future  
She holds the truth too pure for mortal ears  
With the sing song chant  
Existing with the beat of her wings  
She extracts the pure truth  
Found only in the deepest part of the heart  
Her nimble fingers caress the soul  
Reveling the vast expanse  
Of the universe  
A forceful wind picks up around her throne  
And with a breath  
She is gone

--Missy Moore

At the end of the year a \$50 prize will be issued to the author of the best poem. There will be a \$20 prize for the runner up, and one honorable mention. All entries submitted to the paper during the spring semester will be up for consideration. Please send all entries to [dcampbell@worcester.edu](mailto:dcampbell@worcester.edu) on a Microsoft word document attachment. Thank you for any submissions.



### PROPHECY

The slackers remain immortal  
While the workers end up dead  
The gifted find a niche to slide into  
The average get thrown into one  
The lip-service students learn from the politicians  
The underappreciated become teachers  
So many types make this world continue to grow  
So few deserve the credit.  
So many look for rewards but to them 'thanks' is not enough  
The masters run the show and let in the ones they feel are worthy  
So many hope to get a ticket  
But are turned away before even reaching the door  
When it comes time for judgement it is assumed  
That lip-service gets its due  
If the gifted have distributed their gift wisely  
They too shall profit  
The underappreciated shall receive a place  
They searched for throughout their life  
A place where they are not considered average  
A place where they are now looked upon for true wisdom  
Be wary of the pols, lip-service and the slackers  
They may take your place here where we believe it matters  
But in the end while you have filet mignon with fine wine  
The three day old ham sandwich is their just dessert.

-- John Brown III

### Reckoning

As the mind awakens, the sound of wounds  
Dripping with the cold metallic flavor rage.  
They laugh... no more.  
They withered in fear before these hands.  
The cries of the guilty sooth me,  
Seething my flesh with satisfaction,  
Beating against my skull,  
Suppressing the voice deep within.

--Devan Campbell

### Ice Cold Warmth

Take a stride down the white walk  
Watch the children scatter  
Like rain or snow or sleet  
Cold, whipped noise snapping at nothing  
Swirls of white enveloped infants  
Crawling under paternal warmth  
Gentle hands that pull close and  
Clutch bitter skin, crying in cold  
Clocks turn over and over again  
Skimper home as broken leaves are  
Tossed in the winter whirlpool  
The Hardest Thing by: John Gabbey Jr.  
Seeming as naive, fingers clutching  
Holding onto a life sped by  
Guiding is gone, searching alone  
Dark stars filled with saddening dreams  
Lies told as yet unbelieved, teras  
Fingers clutching inside, tight  
Fire breathes from hand, tears again  
Rains of fear and misunderstanding  
Lead into other dreams cut short  
Lives unrealized, parents awakened  
Fingers clutching, release, fallen  
Dreams shattered, grief, sorrow  
Misunderstanding, anger, fear, nervousness  
Families fall apart, fight torn battles  
Bring back his dream, her dream, their dream  
Relent, grieve, and more more that lasts  
Forgiveness

--John Gabbey

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# SPORTS

## Lancers come up short at MASCAC

3-pointer to end the first half all but stops the Lancers drive to the MASCAC tourney title

By John Brown III  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Lancer Men's Basketball team gave it their all in the recent MASCAC tournament. There were high expectations for this team to conquer their nemesis of Salem State College. The Lancers that showed up for the tournament opener was the team that the players, coaches and fans had patiently awaited since the seasons' beginning. The Lancers began a trip to the conference finals by smothering the Bears from Bridgewater State by a final score of 73-52.

The Lancers earned the opportunity to play a home game to begin the tournament by finishing second in the MASCAC for the regular season. The Bears arrived on campus, or did they? Our team started off strong on both offense and defense. It was a great team effort that night with every player getting a chance to contribute to this win. For the Bears this one had to hurt. From the onset of the game the Lancers dominated every aspect, rebounding, steals, defense, and the most obvious facet of the game, scoring. Tad Davis had a chance to shine and did so in this game. Tad made 2 consecutive steals and converted them both.

One personal note regarding this game, Assistant coach Shawn Gersbach celebrated his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on the day of this total team effort. Maybe this tremendous effort made by the team was in honor of this occasion.

The Lancers then had to await the result of the Mass. College of Liberal Arts game to see who they would be playing. Mass. College did not disappoint and won their game easily setting up a showdown at the O'Keefe center in Salem. As the winner of last years tournament Salem State was the host of the MASCAC tourney with both the semi-final and finals.

The Mass. College team would prove to be more of a match and give the Lancers a much better game for most of the first half. The Lancers would begin to pull away early in the second half and win this one 84-67. Mario Horton displayed his slam-dunk skills with a thunderous put back on a Demarr Langford miss in the first half.

The one thing in this game that showed the Lancers vulnerability was their failure to keep the game out of reach. After having built a ten-point halftime lead Mass. College came out and quickly trimmed the lead to four. Worcester State would not be able to afford a lull like this against the host Vikings if they were to reach the finals. At about the ten-minute mark the Lancers that had dominated Bridgewater arrived in Salem. They quickly got the lead back into double digits and would win this one, going away. This game set-up the tiebreaker between the Vikings and the Lancers.

Worcester State had won the on their home court (73-62) against the Vikings and Salem State had downed the Lancers on their homecourt (68-63). The rematch had been set and the two teams would meet to decide who would go on to postseason play. The Vikings with a win would advance to NCAA Division III tourney, the Lancers would advance to the ECAC tournament.

The O'Keefe center was packed for this game with the Salem crowd pumped up for the challenge of the day. This challenge is otherwise known as the Worcester State College Lancers.

The Lancers appeared set to take one away from the Vikings in front of their fans and took an early lead of 10-2 lead and appeared to have the defense in place to take this all important conference final. The Vikings

would dig in and tie this game at 12, with just over 8:00 minutes remaining in the first half. Salem State would put on a defensive display of its own for the remainder of the remainder of the first half allowing the Lancers just 8 points in the final 8:00 of the first half. It appeared that each team would have to make adjustments at the break and it looked like the Vikings would take a 3-point lead into the locker room. A prayer must have been said by the Salem State coach, because a Viking player drained a 3-pointer as time expired to give the Vikings a 6-point lead. This shot appeared to take the life from The Worcester State team.

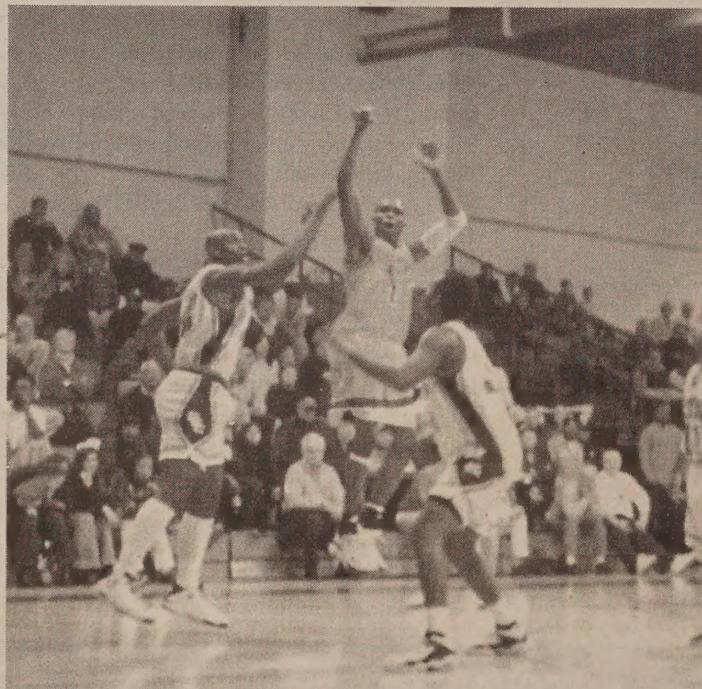
The second half began as most of the first was played, with tenacious defense. Over the opening 4:00 minutes only 2-points were scored. This game was more of a chess match with each side taking the full 35 seconds of the shot clock before taking or making a basket. The defense would continue and the Lancers would keep this one close until the final minutes of this thriller.

The Lancers would find Mario Horton in foul trouble and a non-factor for much of the second half. With just over 2 minutes remaining the Vikings would build an 11-point lead. The Lancers would dig in their heels and attempt to make this a game. With just under a minute remaining the Lancers cut the lead to 4. The Lancers appeared to have run out of gas and even with a stellar defensive effort their lack of offensive prowess may have cost them the championship. The Vikings would take this game 63-57.

One can always wonder, had the Vikings not made that 3-pointer to end the first half, would the Lancers have come out on top?

The Lancers' Sacha Ashton and Trish Cushing were named Co-MVPs by the Worcester Area Basketball Coaches Association.

Demarr Langford was named MVP by the Worcester Area Basketball Coaches Association



VOICE PHOTOS BY JOHN BROWN III

**Lancers take their shot:** Worcester State's Mario Horton (left) attempts a 3-pointer in the MASCAC semi-final game against Mass. College.

**Lancers** Eddie Allen watches his shot make its way towards the basket in the MASCAC final against the Vikings of Salem State College.